Hurdles in the export of drugs

561. SHRI CHO S. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is undue delay for issuing NOC for export of drugs;

(b) the number of such applications pending for more than two months as on date; the reasons for the delay and whether it is also a fact that it is causing delay and cancellation of export orders thereby damaging credibility of the exporters; and

(c) the steps being taken to streamline the process?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (c) No, Sir. NOC for manufacture of drugs for export, which otherwise are not approved for manufacture and marketing in the country, are mostly issued in 3 weeks time provided the application is complete in all respects.

No application accompanied with requisite information is pending for more than two months at present.

Institute like AIIMS during Prime Minister Swasthaya Yojana

†562. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up hospitals in the backward areas of the country on the line of All India Institute of Medical Sciences in the next three years under the Prime Minister Swasthaya Yojana;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the likely expenditure on the said work?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (c) In order to correct regional imbalances in provision of specialist health care services as well as in specialized medical education. Government has decided in principle to set up six superspeciality hospitals on the pattern of the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi under "Pradhanmantri Swasthaya Suraksha Yojana" at the following places:—

1. Patna (Bihar)
2. Bhubaneswar (Onssa)
3. Bhopal (Midhya Pradesh)

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

4. Jodhpur(Rajasthan)

5. Raipur (Chhattisgarh)

6. Rishikesh (Uttaranchal)

These States have been identified for the purpose on the basis of their being underserved in terms of medical infrastructure, high incidence of mortality and morbidity, need for superspeciality services, etc. The project cost is estimated to be Rs. 1680.00 crores approximately.

Private hospitals in CGHS panel

563. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the names with addresses of the private hospitals and private eye hospitals included in the panel for reference by CGHS, Begumpet, Hyderabad;

(b) whether it is a fact that CGHS, Begumpet Authorities are harassing the beneficiaries by not permitting them to exercise their choice of selecting any private hospital, where they are confident of getting better treatment and service;

(c; if so, whether Government would initiate any action against the authorities;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the details of the rules and regulations of CGHS with regard to reference of patients to private hospitals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) 67 private hospitals and 14 diagnostic centres have been recognized under CGHS Hyderabad vide Department of Health's O.M. No. S-11011/38/2001-CGHS-Desk-ll/ CGHS(P) dated 23.12.2002 which has already been circulated to all the Ministries/Departments of the Government of India. The names and addresses of these hospitals/diagnostic centres is available at Statement ' (*See* below). Out of the 67 private hospitals, four hospitals have been recognized under CGHS for the purpose of Eye treatment. These hospitals/diagnostic centres have been recognized for enabling CGHS cardholders (both serving and retired) to avail medical facilities in them after following the prescribed procedure. However, during emergency,